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Supply of Water from Major to Minor Reservoirs
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to supply water from major/water surplus reservoirs to drying minor water reservoirs to ensure availability of water for all concerned during the summer season;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken for the optimal use of water resources in the country?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. There is no such scheme envisaged by this Ministry. However, This Ministry has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/ areas. Based on surveys, investigations and detailed studies, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has prepared pre-feasibility reports which facilitated identification of 30 links under the NPP. Based on the concurrence of the States, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for Ken-Betwa, Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada links have been completed by NWDA.
(c) Water being the State subject, utilization of water for different purposes is within the purview of the respective State Governments. However, this Ministry provides technical and financial assistance to the State Governments in this regard through various schemes and programmes. Central Government has formulated National Water Policy, 2012 which has made several recommendations for conservation, development and management of water resources and optimum utilization of water resources in the country.
The Central Government has also launched National Water Mission with the objective of conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management. One of the goals of the Mission is increasing water use efficiency by 20%.
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